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A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clauses (*f*) and (*g*) of question No. 539 answered on 24th February 1933 from which it will be seen that the reduction in the pay of village officers and menials ordered in the Government Order appended to the answer to the said question is to be permanent. The reduction did not apply to village officers and servants who held the posts at the time of the reduction was introduced.

Minor Irrigation

Construction of a permanent structure at Jedarpalayam for the diversion of the waters of the Cauvery into the Jedarpalayam channel.

* 78 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are any proposals to put up a permanent structure at Jedarpalayam in the Namakkal taluk of the Salem district to divert water from the Cauvery into the Jedarpalayam channel;

(*b*) if so, what they are; and

(*c*) whether the Government are aware that the existing temporary Korambu there is washed away often and results in failure of water in the channel very often and that too at critical times?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The answer to question (*a*) is in the negative.

(*c*) The Government are not aware that the facts are as suggested.

Reforms

Elections to the new Reformed Council.

* 79 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the elections for the new Reformed Legislative Council are likely to come;

(*b*) when the electoral rolls for the same are to be got ready;

(*c*) what the qualifications of a voter are for the general as well as the landholders' constituency; and

(*d*) in what way the constituencies are distributed in each district?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government are not yet in a position to say.

(*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to section I of Part I of Appendix V to the White Paper.

(*d*) No definite decision has as yet been arrived at as to the manner in which constituencies should be delimited.

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Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" Is it not a fact, Sir, that the Government of Madras have been consulted as to whether this Government is ready for the purpose of election if the election takes place at the end of this year? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" I do not recollect any such consultation."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" Is the Government in correspondence with the Home Government with regard to the delimitation of constituencies? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" We have had no more consultation than what is at the disposal of everybody. I think it is a well-known fact that we have prepared, as far as we can, the materials on which constituencies can be limited. It is not possible to take any further measures at the present time."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to place on the table of the House the manner in which Government propose to delimit the constituencies? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" We have not got any proposals."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether this Council will be given an opportunity to consider the proposals of Government? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" I cannot undertake to promise that."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I know whether the representatives of the Muslim community in this Council will be consulted before action is taken on the delimitation of constituencies? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" I cannot make any promise, but the suggestion will be considered."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" Is it not a fact that Government have consulted the representatives of other communities on the matter? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" I am not aware of that, Sir, beyond what was done in connexion with the local Franchise Committee."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know whether it is not a fact that the hon. Member has consulted representatives of the Depressed Classes regarding delimitation of constituencies? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" I have no recollection of having done that."

B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur :—" Was there any informal consultation betwen the Chief Secretary and the representatives of the Depressed Classes? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" I must ask for notice."